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To require the President to give notice of the intention of the United States to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HELMS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Anti-Missile
5 Revitalization and Security Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The Constitution vests in the Government
9 of the United States responsibility to provide for the

1 common defense and promote the general welfare of
2 the American people.

3 (2) Due to limitations imposed by the Anti-Bal-
4 listic Missile Treaty, the United States is prohibited
5 from deploying a national missile defense capable of
6 defending America against even the most limited of
7 ballistic missile attack.

8 (3) The concept of mutual assured destruction
9 which underlies the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty is
10 technologically and geostrategically outdated and
11 cannot serve as a basis for stability in a multipolar
12 world characterized by rampant proliferation of
13 weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile
14 technology.

15 (4) The possibility of ballistic missile attack
16 upon the United States by a rogue country con-
17 stitutes a clear, present, and growing threat to the
18 supreme interests of the United States.

19 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL.**

20 No later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, the President shall give notice to the Russian
22 Federation of the intention of the United States to with-
23 draw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, as permitted
24 under article XV of that treaty.

1 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Beginning 210 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, appropriated funds shall not be obligated or
4 expended for the purpose of proscribing, enforcing, or im-
5 plementing any provision of the Anti-Ballistic Missile
6 Treaty.

7 **SEC. 5. ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT.**

8 On the date that is 180 days after the date of the
9 notification of the President to the Russian Federation
10 under section 3, the President shall certify to Congress
11 that the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty is no longer inter-
12 preted to apply to the development, deployment, or oper-
13 ation of any missile defense system or air defense system
14 of the United States, including any component of such a
15 system or upgrade of such a system or component.

16 **SEC. 6. DEFINITION.**

17 As used in this Act, the term “Anti-Ballistic Missile
18 Treaty” means the Treaty Between the United States of
19 America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on
20 the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems, signed at
21 Moscow on May 26, 1972, with related protocol, signed
22 at Moscow on July 3, 1974.

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